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29 September 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,  
Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to the discussion at the USIB meeting on 28 September 1961 regarding the "allocation of shots" and asked Mr. Bissell to discuss this matter with Joe Charyk. A memorandum of the USIB discussion prepared by USIB/Secretary was handed to Mr. Bissell.

b. Stated he did not believe we had adequately forecast the events that occurred during the last 48 hours in Syria. He noted

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commented on the fact that Syria was not mentioned in yesterday's Bulletin and was advised by Mr. Sheldon that at the time of publication the information was so confused that he scrubbed the item and followed it up a little later with a memorandum. It was the Director's view that nevertheless the Bulletin should at least have noted that a coup was being attempted -- to be followed by additional information when available. In this connection the Director also asked Mr. Kent to prepare a memorandum on the consequences of the coup if it succeeds. Mr. Bissell stated he would predict that if the coup is successful, the U. S. can expect an immediate request for assistance, noting, however, this is a State Department problem.

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c. Reported that the Alsop article on Soviet missiles had been discussed at the Special Group yesterday and asked General Cabell to follow up on the investigation of a possible leak as discussed at the USIB meeting.

d. Noted that he had approved the appointment of [redacted] as Chief of Station, [redacted] and commented that steps should be taken to attempt to rotate qualified [redacted] to other Divisions. Mr. Bissell stated he had this very much in mind and in fact such action is under review.

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25X1 e. Noted that [ ] talked to him about [ ]  
and it was perfectly obvious that [ ] will not be retained on the  
25X1 disarmament group. He said [ ] at the same time had  
25X1 indicated, however, that he would like to have a representative from  
CIA. Mr. Amory noted that [ ] is still on our rolls as a member  
of the Board of National Estimates. No decision was made as to where  
he is to be replaced if he returns. The Director asked that consider-  
ation be given to his replacement and that this be discussed at the next  
Deputies' Meeting.

25X1 f. Noted he had reported at some length at yesterday's Special  
Group Meeting on the situation in Cyprus and made it clear that the  
Communists are strong. He also referred to two National Security  
Action Memoranda on the subject of Cyprus, and asked Mr. Bissell to  
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25X1 g. Noted a memorandum from the Director of the Bureau of the  
Budget regarding reduction in the CIA budget for 1963, to include a  
10-20% reduction in the number of regular employees during the period  
1963-66, and noted his intention of discussing this matter with Mr. McCone.  
Colonel White pointed out that our 1963 budget has been printed and should  
reach the Bureau of the Budget either today or Monday.

25X1 h. Referred to the forthcoming conference of Far East Chiefs of  
Station to be held in [ ] and stated his intention of discussing with  
Mr. McCone the possibility of his attending. Note: This conference will  
begin on 16 October and will last for 2-3 days.

GENERAL CABELL:

✓ a. Reported that at Senator Symington's request he had lunched  
with him on 27 September and brought him up to date on the latest missile  
Estimate. It was also noted that Messrs. Smart and Darden had been  
briefed by John Warner. In this connection, the Director stated it might  
be well to have Warner draw together statements made before the Stennis  
and Cannon Committees on missiles. Action: [ ]

25X1 b. Reported that he had been approached about seeing [ ] by  
[ ] whom he had known in the past and who is accompanying [ ]  
25X1 to this country. After some discussion it was agreed that General Cabell  
should do this if the appointment is requested.

c. Stated the staff of NIC is evaluating the latest [redacted] report and, when completed, it will be furnished to the Estimators. Mr. Sheldon commented that he is of the strong opinion that the evaluation report should first be considered by the Watch Committee. General Cabell disagreed and stated he felt this would be an unnecessary step since the report in question will be cranked in to the estimative machinery and presented to USIB. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus that the Watch Committee should meet and consider the evaluation, particularly since the report in question is a prime example of early warning intelligence.

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MR. AMORY:

a. Noted that the NPIC charter provides that in time of war this activity is to be transferred from CIA to the Department of Defense, and commented the Director might wish to confirm this in a letter to the Secretary of Defense. The Director stated he did not believe such action was necessary at this time.

b. Referred to a forthcoming book to be published by a "John Forth Amory," a pen name, and stated he was concerned lest either he or his brother be connected with it. Mr. Helms commented that he had already mentioned this matter to Mr. Papich of the FBI. Mr. Amory suggested that General Counsel check into it also. Action: Colonel White

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